



TOWN OF HUDSON

Recreation Committee

Robert Iannaco, Chairman

Roger Coutu, Selectmen Liaison



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Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes September 3, 2015

- Attendance: Bob Iannaco
Dave Yates
Keith Bowen
Mick Reagan
Carl Dubois
Jeremy Drown
Sean O'Neil
Selectman Roger Coutu

Excused –Sue LaRoche

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:36PM WITH PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

MINUTES

Meeting minutes for June 2015 provided by Chrissy Peterson

- ✓ June 2015 Meeting minutes passed 3-0-2

PUBLIC INPUT

None

REPORT OF OFFICERS

None

Report of Sub Committees

- ***Future Project Sub Committee***

Nothing to report at this time

- ***Basketball Sub Committee***

Travel Coach Interviews are being held next week

- ***Softball Sub Committee***

- Meeting is scheduled tonight at 8:00pm
- The Season has ended. Overall the season went well.
- A timer was added to the lights this year to automatically shut the lights off at 11:00pm. This will result in less hanging out at the field after games and will show consideration to the neighbors.
- Discussed games extending past 11:00pm and how to handle that. The By Laws state that they suspend the game and continue the next day. More discussion will take place regarding this matter at the meeting tonight.

Director's Report

Soccer –

- Gearing up the start of the season next week
- We currently have 400 registered players
- Little Sweepers program will begin on September 19th and run through October 24th

5th & 6th Grade Dance –

- Scheduled for September 25th
- Chaperones are needed; please call the recreation Department
- HMS PTO will be working the concession stand

Comedy Show–

- Scheduled for November 14th

Senior Center–

- Dave visited the Senior Center today and expressed the wonderful job Lori Bowen is doing there.
- The Eagle 16 x 16 Patio Project is under way. The bricks are being delivered this week and they will be working on it this weekend.

Benson Park –

- Very busy with reservations. 75 reservations were taken from June-August.
- A new playground piece has been added. Ken Blanchard made a donation to the Recreation Department to purchase a playground piece in remembrance of his late wife. The “Grasshopper”, has been installed in the park and is a big hit with the kids.

Softball –

- Softball is going strong for both the Men’s and Women’s leagues.
- The Men’s Softball Report will be provided under **New Business**

Summer –

- It was a very successful year for the Summer Program.
- Daily attendance was 200 kids with the exception of Fridays. On Fridays the program is held at Robinson Pond. Summer Report will be discussed under **New Business**

Tennis –

- The season went great.
- Tori LaRoche and Dominique Kaempf were the coaches again this year and did an amazing job. Both the kids and the parents loved them.

Pickleball–

- Pickleball courts are in place at the old Skate Park
- The Senior Citizens are using the courts a lot in the mornings. There are roughly 15-20 ppl there daily
- Dave put together a presentation on Pickleball that was held at the outdoor courts. John Croes a member of the Senior Center, along with a group of Pickleballers, came and showed the sport to the public. They were also able to join in and play themselves.

Correspondence

None

Old Business

Pickleball Courts – discussed in the Director’s Report

New Business

- Softball Report presented
 - A total of 7 teams this year
 - A third lower seed team won the playoffs
 - There is parity within the league with the exception of one team. Dave would like to discuss ways to fix that at the Softball Meeting tonight.
 - Bob shines light on Leo Bernard taking great care of the infield and the Highway Department taking care of the outfield.
 - Umpires did a great job this season handling controversial calls and issues.
 - The purchase of the Pitching Screen helped to protect the pitchers from being hit
- Summer Report presented
 - Very successful season
 - 455 children attended camp.
 - Before & After Hour care had an average of 45 children. This program offers a huge help working parents.
 - There was one Friday during the summer that the program could not go to Robinson Pond due to bacteria issues.
- Recreation Department Annual Scholarship Fund
 - Recreation Director Dave Yates would like to create a scholarship fund for a well deserving AHS Senior who has been a part of the Recreation Department programs. The money used for this fund would come from the 50/50 raffle that is done at the Comedy Shows the department hosts.

Keith Bowen makes a motion to present this idea to the BOS. Carl Dubois seconds that motion.

Election of Officers

- Bob Iannaco nominates Keith Bowen as the committee Chairman. Selectman Coutu makes a motion to elect Keith Bowen as Chairman by acclamation.
- Selectman Roger Coutu nominates Carl Dubois as Vice Chairman and Mick Reagan seconds it. Selectman Coutu makes a motion to elect Carl Dubois as Vice Chairman by acclamation.

Other Business

- Carl Dubois welcome the Grasshopper to Benson Park
- Selectman Roger Coutu expresses that he is proud of the program and the job that the Recreation Director is doing. He also thanks Bob for everything he has done as the recreation Committee Chairman.
- Sean O'Neil is looking forward to helping on the committee

- Mick Reagan said that he is looking forward to coaching soccer with his daughter this season. He also thanks Bob for his hard work.
- Keith Bowen thanks Bob for his commitment to the committee and expresses his excitement to move forth as Chairman.
- Dave Yates states that budget season is here. He also explains he is coaching a 1st and 2nd grade soccer team this season called the "Supermen", and is having fun. He also thanks Bob for all he has done.
- Bob ends by saying how much he has enjoyed being a part of the committee and that he is proud of what they have accomplished.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:15PM

*Respectfully submitted,
Chrissy Peterson*

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